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Slowing down on Spring Garden

PETITION

Injury lawyer wants speed dropped from 50 to 30 km/h

Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A personal injury lawyer in Halifax has started an online petition asking the municipality to lower the speed limit on Spring Garden Road from 50 to 30 km/h.

Of the 208 vehicle/pedestrian accidents in Halifax last year, John McKiggan said several occurred on Spring Garden Road, where his business is located.

He said research indicates the slight speed limit reduction from 50 km/h to 30 km/h lowers the risk of pedestrian death from 20 per cent to two per cent.

"If we can't change people's behaviour, in other words if people are

going to drive distracted or walk distracted, then let's try to make everyone safer," McKiggan said. "If a small change in the speed limit can result in a dramatic reduction in the risk of injury or death, why not have that discussion?"

McKiggan, who also volunteers for a group dedicated to ending distracted driving, launched the petition (apmlawyers.com/petition-to-lower-speed-limit-on-spring-garden.html) last week.

"I see all the time the terribly sad effects of car pedestrian accidents and how dangerous it can be even at relatively low speeds," he said.

He said although the petition hasn't been up long, it's garnering attention.

"When you talk to people about this issue it's really quite polarizing with some people saying all pedestrians are not being careful and the pedestrians saying drivers are terrible," he said.

"When you look at the (police) statistics we see that the majority of car/pedestrian accidents happen in

crosswalks. That suggests to me at least there may be enough blame to go around."

After following recent discussions by Halifax regional council about rejuvenating Spring Garden Road, McKiggan said he believed the time was right to launch the petition in the hopes of at least sparking a discussion.

"We are going to leave it up for about a month and see what kind of support we get and if there's support for it, then we're going to provide that information to Halifax city council so they can consider that when they're discussing and deciding what to do with the Spring Garden Road rejuvenation project," he said.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth said they would welcome the move.

"Although reducing speeds may not reduce the number of vehicle/pedestrian collisions, with reduced speed, there is usually better reaction time on the part of the driver," Woodworth said.



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WEATHER FOGGY

WALK ALONG

THE DOCK A man walks along the waterfront on Tuesday past a harbour covered in fog, which has been the norm for many days of late. Temperatures spiked to 24 C Tuesday, and Environment Canada is calling for clear skies for the rest of the week, with maybe some morning fog.

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Business districts eye future

DEVELOPMENT

Centre Plan project part of community's conversation



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Density, green spaces and maintaining the character of the north end and Quinpool Road business districts were among topics discussed by participants during Monday night's Centre Plan development engagement session.

"One thing that came out was be thoughtful about the type of development on our local main streets to maintain that small diverse business community," said Patricia Cuttell, director of the

North End Business Association, one of the session hosts.

"There is also a lot of interest in activating our streets, making them exciting places for residents and visitors to come and not just walk through but opportunities to linger and to stay."

Cuttell said that would include elements like parquettes and landscaping. Other ideas raised by business and commercial property owners during the

meeting included more residential density, but at a scale appropriate to the neighbourhood.

That would take into consideration architectural design, scale and height. Cuttell said they also wanted affordable housing mixed in with new residential development.

"I think what we really want to make sure is that development improves the area, that development doesn't hinder the

existing small business landscape that is there. I think that we all want the same thing," said Karla Nicholson, general manager of the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association.

"How do you get there from here and how do you do it in a way that everyone's happy, including the residents, so that they continue to want to live, shop and work in the Quinpool Road area and community?"

ASSISTED DYING BILL HEADS TO SENATE
The bill on assisted dying has passed the House of Commons and is headed to the Senate. The bill is not expected to pass by Monday, the day the ban on assisted suicide is formally lifted.

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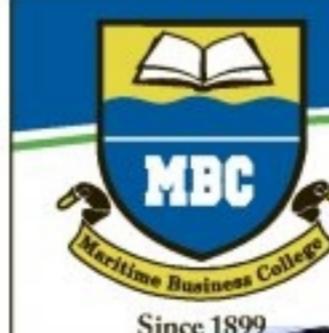
ATTENDANCE

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USER CHARGES BYLAW

Students still have help going to school

A small group of elementary school kids who take Halifax Transit for free could continue to do so, contrary to staff's suggestion.

The User Charges Bylaw that passed first reading during regional council Tuesday included a section that stated transit would be free for students going to and from Beaver Bank Monarch Drive Elementary, but only until July 1, 2016.

Coun. Brad Johns said it was unfair to stop providing a service to a small group of students (staff later said 15) living in the Woodbine Mobile Home Park who have relied on public transit to get to and from school since before amalgamation. He amended the bylaw to remove the words "before July 1, 2016" so the service could continue indefinitely.

FORT MCMURRAY

Halifax sends \$10K for Red Cross relief

Halifax will be pitching in \$10,000 to help the Red Cross's relief efforts in Fort McMurray.

During a regional council meeting Tuesday, a staff report recommended that the sum be handed over to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) who have been collecting donations to deliver to the Red Cross in Alberta.

Earlier this month on May 13 the CFB Fleet Club Atlantic held a Fort McMurray benefit concert and silent auction with proceeds going to Red Cross to support the victims of the wildfires, and asked that HRM match donations made at the event.

The Fleet Club event raised

ROUTE 400

Under the new transit redesign, the Route 400 will eventually no longer go into Woodbine but pick up kids and drop them off on Beaver Bank Road's entrance to the park.

which later passed.

"Many of the people that are in this area are ... of borderline finances and this would certainly have an impact, I think, to them and to the kids," Johns said.

Johns and Coun. Barry Dalrymple outlined the history of what staff called an "anomaly" service, which began as a community transit route that went into Woodbine picking up kids and taking them to school. HALEY RYAN/METRO

\$30,000, but staff pointed out municipalities have been donating in to the range of \$500 to \$5,000.

"The unprecedented scale of the fires, evacuation and relief effort ... and the region's connection to Fort McMurray, provide a basis for Council to make a donation to relief efforts," the report said. HALEY RYAN/METRO

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Low-income transit program en route

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

A new bylaw including the project passes first reading



Haley

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Low-income people in Halifax are a step closer to being able to access reduced-fare transit.

During the regional council meeting Tuesday, Bylaw U-100 (the User Charges Bylaw) passed first reading unanimously. The program would implement a low-income transit pass pilot program of 500 residents whose family income falls below \$31,000 a year and aren't receiving transit passes through other

government assistance.

"This has been a bit of a long time coming," Coun. Jennifer Watts said during the meeting, citing council's 2014 decision to create the pilot program.

"Social assistance in this province is ... totally inadequate and desperate for many people. That is the reality."

Those participating in the program will be able to purchase monthly adult transit passes for 50 per cent off the regular price, and 500 spots will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

Many councillors said they would have liked to see the pilot accept more

I think it's a really positive move forward.

Coun. Jennifer Watts

than 500 people, since the need is so great. Transit staff said about 34,000 residents fall below the income cut-off line. About 8,000 get transportation subsidies under social assistance, so roughly 25,000 people could be eligible for the pilot.

Halifax Transit staff said the 500 number was picked because staff felt most comfortable handling that amount of applications with current staff levels.

Coun. Wayne Mason said he hopes the pilot follows Victoria, B.C., where that city found a low-income pass brought new riders into the transit system adding a quarter-million dollars in new revenue, and they used the bus during off-peak times.

Coun. Russell Walker said he was glad to see the pilot moving ahead after a "long, slow start," but added he hopes to eventually see a low-income pass that would match the UPass \$162 for nine months, rather than just 50 per cent of the adult fare, which would still be about \$480 per year.



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Jan Gehl, Danish architect and urban design consultant, speaks to a packed room at the Dalhousie School of Architecture. JEFF HARPER/METRO

URBAN PLANNING

Architect Jan Gehl has advice on improvements

 **Rebecca Dingwell**
For Metro | Halifax

Renowned architect and urban consultant Jan Gehl has some ideas about how Halifax can — and should — become more people-friendly.

Gehl gave a public talk at Dalhousie University's Medjuck Building on Tuesday, focusing on "liveable cities for the 21st century." Armed with a Masters of architecture, Gehl has worked as a professor and written several books. In 2009, he co-founded Gehl Architects.

"You have so much, so protect what you have," Gehl said of Halifax.

To do this, Gehl feels a strategic plan is needed for the city. He pointed his hometown of Copenhagen, citing the changes

that helped it thrive. Although Gehl had only been in Halifax for two days, he noticed a few things could stand to change.

One-way streets, for instance. "That's something traffic engineers love, but the people don't love it," he said, explaining all major Copenhagen streets have no more or less than two lanes — one in each direction. "(This) could really be inspirational for Halifax."

Gehl also spoke about the Halifax Waterfront, which he visited earlier that day.

"I see that the waterfront has many nice places — but then, how do you come from the waterfront into the city? That is apparently not addressed."

Given Halifax's colder weather, Gehl said it is important to "protect the climate." The high-rise buildings, however, block the sun.

"In this part of the world, sunshine is very important," explained Gehl. "Preserve the sun."

Places such as San Francisco and Melbourne have incorporated climate into their urban planning.

"There should be a plan say-

READ UP

Just in case Halifax has an interest in becoming the next Copenhagen, Jan Gehl intends to give his book *Cities for People* as a gift to Mayor Mike Savage.

ing: 'In this part of the city, we will not accept any less sunshine than now. In this part of the city, we will not accept any more wind than now.'

Gehl thinks Halifax has the potential to become a great city for bicycles in the next 10 years. Given the hefty student population, he said it would be especially valuable.

In Copenhagen, about 45 percent of people bike to work. It's the quicker way to get around, because the city prioritizes bicycle and pedestrian roadways over space for cars. Regulations even require every taxi to provide a bicycle rack.

"I think the automobile is a very, very mediocre mode of mobility in the big cities we have in the 21st century," Gehl added.

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Baby lion's a mane attraction at zoo

ANIMALS

Hunter was born in April at Oaklawn Farm

Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

It's the circle of life — and it begins with a baby lion.

On Tuesday, the Oaklawn Farm Zoo in Aylesford shared the news of its recent addition

via the zoo's Facebook page. Hunter, as they've named the cub, was born on April 17.

"Nyah was trying to be a good and attentive mom but her milk failed to come in and we had to pull him for hand-feeding," said the post.

However, Hunter is doing well and is having plenty of social time with the other lions.

Anyone who wants to get a peek of Hunter can visit the "maternity pen" at the Oaklawn Farm Zoo between 3 and 4 p.m., as long as it isn't raining.



Hunter, Oaklawn Farm Zoo's new baby lion, is healthy. FACEBOOK

DEFENCE

Submarine to be operational next year: Navy

Canada is still months away from having battle-ready submarines on both its West and East coasts, says the navy's commander.

During an exclusive interview with The Canadian Press

aboard the navy's only operational submarine — the Halifax-based HMCS Windsor — Vice-Admiral Mark Norman said British Columbia-based HMCS Chicoutimi will be operational by early next year.

Norman said a problem with some of the welding on HMCS Chicoutimi and HMCS Victoria was discovered late last year.

He said welding work was done by a subcontractor working on both Victoria-class sub-

marines as well as some surface ships in Victoria, B.C.

The welds were passing inspections, but the navy did not realize the inspection process itself was flawed, said Norman.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

Man punched, then robbed in cemetery

Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

ing to have a knife. The victim was also punched in the face.

The suspects took his wallet, sandals and hat, before fleeing the scene.

Shortly later, police arrested one of the alleged robbers, who had a knife on him, along with the victim's property.

Joshua Osborn Mabie, 18, is now charged with robbery and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Neither of the other two suspects has been arrested.

POLICE

Women hurt in crash

Police are investigating a car collision where two women say they were forced off the road and into a ditch by another vehicle.

At 1:18 a.m. Tuesday, Halifax District RCMP responded to a single-vehicle collision on the Timberlea Village Parkway near Marketway Lane, according to a release.

A red Hyundai Elantra with two women inside ended up in a ditch, RCMP said. The car hit

several boulders on the way, causing extensive damage to the vehicle.

The women told police they were travelling on the road when a dark-coloured SUV approached them from the opposite direction, then crossed over into their lane, forcing them off the road.

Both suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospital for treatment. METRO

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Healing and heading home

Return to FORT MAC

Couple plans to be among first to re-enter city

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Heather Thomas isn't sure how it will feel to see her still-standing house when she returns to Fort McMurray later this week.

"Things surprise you. Sometimes I'm fine ... but I have other days where I cry and I get angry," Thomas said. "But it's okay, because that's part of the healing nature of going through a traumatic event."

Heather and her husband, Russell, said they feel lucky because their house in downtown was left unscathed. Still, going back comes with challenges. For one, it'll require the family to split up yet again.

The couple plans to be two of the first to return to the city as part of a phased re-entry for the more than 90,000 people who evacuated Fort McMurray in early May, which starts Wednesday.

But because of air quality concerns and the lack of supplies in the city, their two sons

— one of whom has asthma — will stay back in Edmonton.

Heather will also head back south after retrieving her car, leaving Russell to get the house ready for the family's eventual return.

The family was first separated by the wildfire about one month ago: The morning of May 3 saw them on opposite sides of town — and as a result, forced to flee in opposite directions.

Russell, an artist, headed south that morning, to teach a painting workshop in Anzac.

"The sky was blue, the day looked perfect," he said.

Meanwhile, Heather welcomed a client at her home office in downtown Fort McMurray.

Her first indication of trouble was when her client's cellphone rang. And rang again. And rang a third time.

"So she checked her phone — and she leapt off the table and ran out of the house," Heather said.

That's when she looked outside and saw the huge clouds of smoke billowing over a hill.

Heather picked up her youngest son from school. Luckily, her oldest had stayed home sick that day, or would have been on the other side of the city.

Meanwhile, about 25 minutes away, Russell's painting



Russell and Heather Thomas pack their belongings before setting off on the long ride back home to Fort McMurray, Alta. AARON CHATHA/METRO

students were getting ready to paint. When he heard evacuations had begun, he raced north, but it was too late.

"I hit the firewall that was just to the left of the highway ... And the flames were hundreds of feet high," he said.

Left with no choice, Russell

drove south, ending up in Calgary. Heather, her two sons and the family hedgehog escaped north, and spent two nights going from workcamp to workcamp before eventually getting a flight out.

Two days after evacuating, they stepped off a plane in Cal-

gary and into Russell's waiting arms.

This time will be different, Heather says, though she's looking forward to reuniting as a family back in Fort Mac.

"That's where my kids were born, that's where I live," she said. "It's home."

WILDFIRE

Notley to greet evacuees

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley plans to be in Fort McMurray on Wednesday to help residents turn the page on a devastating wildfire and says she will carry with her vivid memories of the early days of the disaster.

Scenes of families in trucks and cars reduced to a crawl as they tried to escape through curtains of flame below a sky raining embers.

The tour of destroyed neighbourhoods reduced to grey expanses of soot.

It was the small things that jumped out.

"You go to a place where there was a house and what do you see on the ground? Nails. Piles and piles of nails," said Notley.

It has been a month since a roaring wildfire raced through Fort McMurray and cut the city in two, forcing the entire population of more than 80,000 to flee.

Notley recalled the first day, May 3, was focused on getting people out and nothing more.

"It's hard to imagine how frightening it must have been for these families to have your kids in the car and be driving down that road and to be told that you can't go any faster than 25 kilometres an hour when you're seeing flames coming at you."

It was a disaster without a playbook: A fire that changed from hour to hour, the province needing to scramble in fire crews, get people out and find homes and money for evacuees — all while protecting the city and the nearby oilsands so critical to Alberta's economy.

For more than two weeks straight, Notley's attention was solely on the fire as she received briefings and then spoke to reporters at the operations centre in Edmonton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RE-ENTRY

Details of who gets into Fort McMurray and when

A phased re-entry for fire evacuees from Fort McMurray and nearby communities is to begin Wednesday.

People who lost their homes to the northern Alberta fire may want to inspect their property and salvage belongings.

Those with houses still standing are advised to do a thorough cleaning and toss

out rotting food. Here's a list of who gets in when:

WEDNESDAY

People from Fort McMurray's Lower Townsite, including the downtown, as well as from the nearby communities of Anzac, Fort McMurray 468 First Nation and Gregoire Lake Estates.

THURSDAY

People living on the north side of Fort McMurray in the neighbourhoods of Parsons Creek, Stone Creek, Timberlea, Eagle Ridge and Dickensfield.

FRIDAY

Residents of north-central and south Fort McMurray in the neighbourhoods of Thick-

wood, Wood Buffalo, Gregoire, Prairie Creek and Saprae Creek Estates.

SATURDAY

There are different scenarios for residents of south-central Fort McMurray in some of the hardest-hit neighbourhoods. People from Grayling Terrace and Draper are to re-

turn as scheduled. However, as many as 2,000 people with undamaged homes in Waterways, Abasand and Beacon Hill have been told it is unsafe for them to move back right away.

Government officials expect the return for most evacuees to be completed by June 15.

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Fisheries minister leaves cabinet, caucus

POLITICS

Hunter Tootoo taking time 'to seek treatment for addiction'

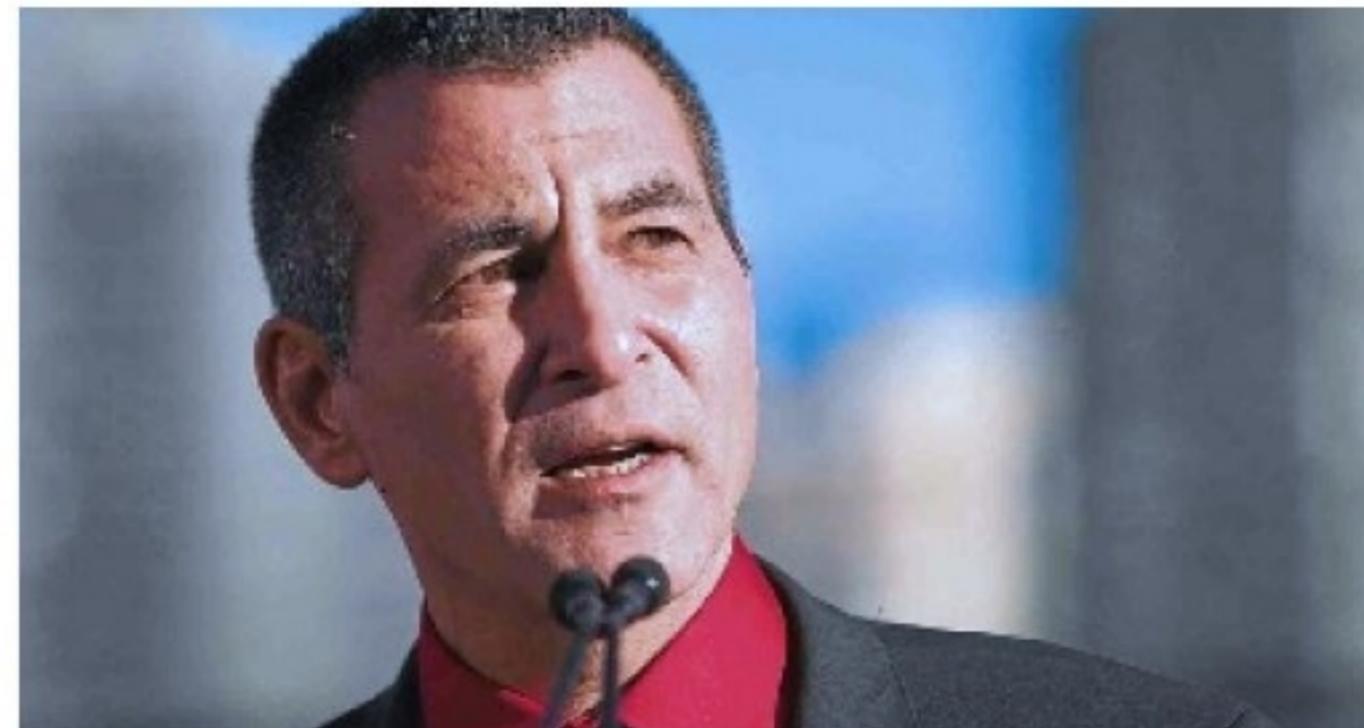
Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo, citing "addiction issues," has resigned from the federal cabinet and is leaving the Liberal caucus.

Dominic LeBlanc, the government's House leader, will assume Tootoo's cabinet responsibilities.

A statement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office says Tootoo is "taking time to seek treatment for addiction issues."

Tootoo, the first northerner to take on the role of fisheries minister, issued a brief statement saying he was stepping down in order not to distract from the important work of his colleagues.

Tootoo said he has "decided to seek treatment for addiction issues" and asked for "privacy



Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo has resigned from the federal cabinet and the Liberal caucus, a statement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

at this time."

Tootoo, 52, was first elected as the MLA for Iqaluit Centre in 1999, where he served for 14 years and was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly until 2013. He also held a number of

cabinet positions in the territorial government.

In November, a month after Tootoo defeated former Conservative cabinet minister Leona Aglukkaq to claim the federal riding of Nunavut, he said in an

interview he hoped to transfer his political experience to a national scale.

"I think that it is going to be very beneficial to me as we move forward," he said.

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ENVIRONMENT

Toxic rocket to make a splash in Arctic

Environmentalists are angry that a Russian rocket stage potentially carrying highly toxic chemicals is expected to splash down this weekend in a biodiversity hotspot in the Canadian Arctic.

"The idea of dropping a missile full of toxic chemicals in the Arctic waters off Baffin Island is just as preposterous as drilling for oil there," Greenpeace Arctic campaigner Alex Speers-Roesch said Tuesday.

"Dumping these chemicals from a ship would be a clear violation of international and Canadian law, and it is no more acceptable when it is dumped from the air."

An international aviation authority has issued a notice warning that debris from a Russian rocket launch is slated to fall Saturday into Baffin Bay. That's outside Canada's territorial waters but inside an economic zone the country partially controls.

The space debris is a stage from a rocket set off under Russia's Rokot program, a for-profit service that launches commercial satellites, said Michael Byers, a professor of international law and an Arctic expert at UBC.

Byers said Russia is following

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Hydrazine is known to be extremely toxic — so toxic that technicians working with it have to use pressurized hazmat suits.

the rules by informing aviation authorities of the launch and the splashdown. The stage is falling over a remote stretch of water between Greenland and the southern tip of Ellesmere Island.

He notes Rokot uses repurposed Cold-War-era intercontinental ballistic missiles to launch satellites. Those missiles, the SS-19, use hydrazine for fuel.

The rocket stage is expected to come down in what is called the North Water Polynya, an 85,000-square-kilometre area of Arctic sea that naturally remains ice free year round.

The open water is a refuge for narwhal, beluga, walrus and bowhead whales. Its plankton-rich waters draw shoals of Arctic cod, providing food for an ecosystem that also supports seals, polar bears and millions of seabirds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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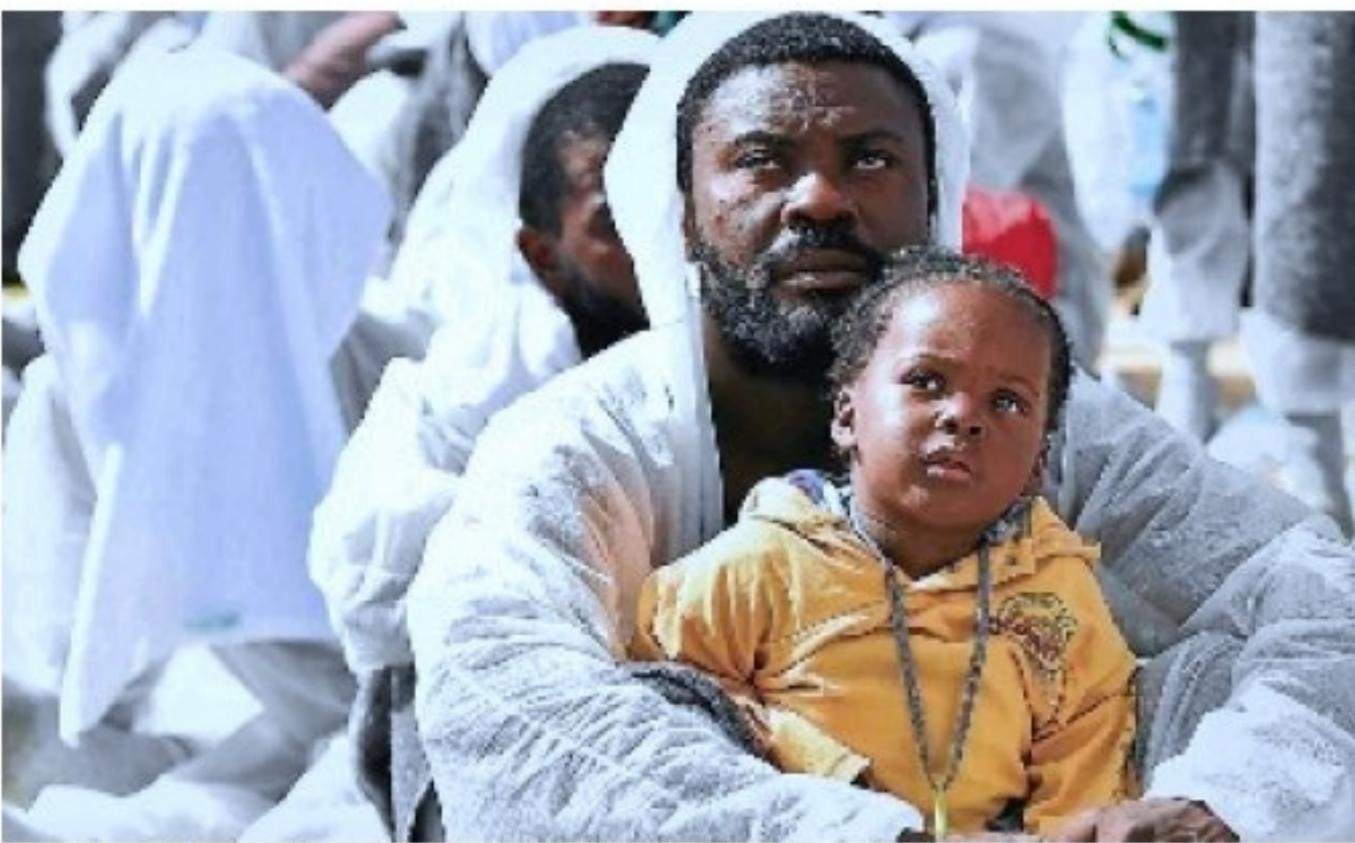


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A man and his daughter wait during a distribution of meals aboard the rescue ship Aquarius, on May 25, a day after a massive rescue operation of migrants and refugees off the Libyan coast. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Migrant deaths on sea route growing

REFUGEE CRISIS

Estimated 880 dead this week a 'conservative' count: UN

The treacherous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Libya to Italy has claimed the lives of over 1,030 migrants in the last week, mostly as barely seaworthy smuggling boats foundered and sank despite calm seas and sunny skies, a migration agency said Tuesday, citing new accounts from survivors.

The staggering death toll forewarns more disasters ahead in the next few months as the region gears up for its traditional summer-fall spike in human trafficking as the weather improves and the seas grow warmer. Aid officials said it also suggests that Libyan smuggling gangs are using even riskier tactics than before to profit from the torrent of those

desperate to reach the safety or economic promise of Europe.

The jaw-dropping tally is only from shipwrecks that are known to authorities, who readily admit they simply do not know how many people are being cheated by smugglers, jammed into obviously unsuitable vessels and swallowed up by the vast waters of the southern Mediterranean.

Two Eritreans interviewed by The Associated Press — among the hundreds of shipwreck survivors brought to Italian ports — were haunted by the fact that so many women and children had been on their capsized boat and did not survive. They said they could still hear their cries.

"I started to cry when I saw the situation and when I found the ship without an engine. There were many women and children," said 21-year-old Filmon Selomon who plunged into the

sea to save himself. "Water was coming in from everywhere."

UN refugee spokesman William Spindler told reporters at a news conference in Geneva that this year is already proving to be "particularly deadly" on the Mediterranean, with some 2,510 lives lost compared to 1,855 in the same time span a year ago.

The International Organization for Migration said Tuesday that 62 people were confirmed dead and another 971 were missing and presumed dead in nine separate deadly emergencies since May 25 on the Libya-to-Italy sea route.

The UN refugee agency said Tuesday it had tallied at least 880 deaths on the Mediterranean over the last week. Spindler noted such estimates are an inexact science, and said his agency's figures tend to be "conservative." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“ There were many women and children. Filmon Selomon

CINCINNATI ZOO

Police investigating gorilla incident

Police said Tuesday they were investigating the circumstances surrounding a 4-year-old boy entering a gorilla's exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo and the animal being shot to death to protect the child. A federal investigation is also planned.

A federal inspection less than two months ago found no problems with the zoo's Gorilla World exhibit, but earlier zoo inspections reported issues including the potential danger to the public from a March incident involving

wandering polar bears.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters' office said Cincinnati police are investigating what transpired with the death of the gorilla named Harambe on Saturday. Afterward, police will talk with prosecutors about whether charges are warranted, the office said.

Police said over the weekend that no charges were planned, but spokeswoman Tiffany Hardy said Tuesday they are still gathering information.

Some critics have said the boy's parents should be charged with child endangering, while others want the zoo held responsible for the death of the 17-year-old gorilla. The boy was released from a hospital, and his family has said he's "doing just fine."

Tanya Espinosa, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said that it would be looking for any violations of the Animal Welfare Act. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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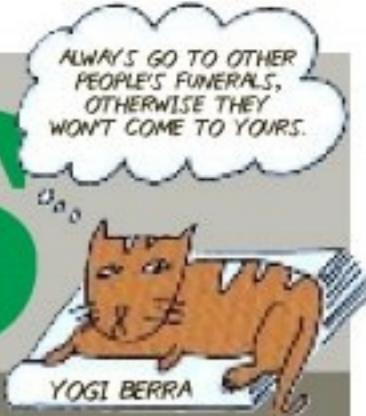
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TIM QUERENGESSER ON ALBERTA'S RECKONING



How the NDP chooses to weather this perfect storm will tell us a lot about the Alberta you think you know

When people begin returning to Fort McMurray today, the natural reaction might be to see is as the end of a dark chapter — the most difficult times falling behind us — and to be thankful that so much human suffering has been balanced by so little loss of life.

This is all true. Today does mark the beginning of the end of fear and adrenaline for the residents of Fort McMurray. And we should be thankful.

But today also marks the onset of a perfect storm the Alberta government must weather. And how it chooses to do this will tell us whether the Alberta you think you know can stay that way for long.

The background: In its most recent provincial budget, tabled about a month before the wildfires, the Alberta government noted its largest ever drop in the revenues from oil royalties, thanks, of course, to the tumbling price of oil.

The drop was staggering, falling from \$7.2 billion in 2014-15 to just \$989 million in 2016, and it forced Alberta to revise its own recently created spending cap to allow it to borrow more money.

To give you an idea just how

dire this was before the fire arrived, Alberta had already projected it would have to be loaned some \$57.6 billion by the 2018-19 fiscal year — and it was already using borrowed money to pay for basics like teachers' and doctors' wages. Rather unprecedented in a province of plenty.

And, to add insult, the province's credit rating had already been downgraded several times.

The strategy to face this was the standard Albertan refrain: We won't introduce what other provinces rely on, like sales taxes; we'll wait for the future, when oil prices will surely rebound. To this the NDP government added the idea of stimulus: Let's build infrastructure and bolster the economy with construction jobs. To that end it announced more than \$7 billion for things like roads and bridges.

But in the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfires, which were disturbingly symbolic in attacking the centre of Alberta oil production, a reckoning on that strategy is inescapable.

In mid-May the Conference Board of Canada estimated the wildfire would cost Alberta at

least \$985 million in real GDP in 2016. But Marie-Christine Bernard, who helped prepare the study, pointed out that the report came before the wildfire turned around and attacked oilsands work camps, forcing some 9,000 to evacuate and delaying oil production yet again. Bernard said the updated report, due in about two weeks, will adjust its lost-GDP estimate upward.

We ran the numbers and it could be by as much as another \$400 million — meaning Alberta is set for a hit in excess of \$1 billion.

Which brings us to the perfect storm. The question facing Rachel Notley's NDP government is stark: How will Alberta manage perhaps the nastiest downturn it has ever encountered, compounded by the Fort McMurray wildfires, without doing something far different than before?

Consider: Big pots of money are being spent, right now, to pay for evacuations and to rebuild Fort McMurray while oil production has been stunted and the price of oil is forecast to hover around \$40 a barrel through 2016, before possibly climbing into the \$50 region by 2017. For context, in 2015,

when oil fell to \$60 a barrel from its highs of more than \$100, alarm bells were already being rung. The clock on when it needs to rebound to rescue Alberta's long-standing status quo has almost definitely struck midnight.

The reflexive answer from the left that usually pops up in tough times is increasing taxes. The reflexive response to increasing taxes from the right is to cut spending.

Politically speaking, the Alberta government can't afford to do either.

In early 2015, a Mainstreet Technologies poll, published by the Calgary Herald in the days before the provincial election, found that just 15 per cent of Alberta respondents were in favour of increasing taxes to offset falling oil revenues. More than 40 per cent said spending should be cut instead. And just nine per cent said a sales tax would be the best solution. (Alberta is alone in provincial Canada in not having a sales tax.)

Meanwhile, who would propose the idea of cutting spending in a time like this? Rebuilding Fort McMurray is a must. Spending is without doubt set to increase for many years ahead.

And so, whether it wants to or not, the Alberta you may think you know from your perch in Toronto, Winnipeg, Halifax or Vancouver, is doubtlessly set to change.

Really, the fires have only begun.

Tim Querengesser is the managing editor of Metro Edmonton

Old-guard mags bring feminism into fashion

 **Rosemary Westwood**
Metro | Toronto

With only a tenuous tie to any concept of feminism, women's magazines have long been a safe haven for sexism, selling women an "idea of women" as supremely desirable, ornamental, domestic and rich.

That has made them like candy to me: an indulgence that's bad for my health. A flip-book of women I'll never be, but that some small part of me still aspires to: the sexiest, the most stylish. The perfect.

This tradition has not died, but it is being infiltrated, and even undermined.

Take Glamour magazine's series "Abortion in America: The Tipping Point," which promises to look at "what's next for activists on both sides" but features headlines that are clearly pro-choice. E.g., "I've Already Been 'Punished' For My Abortion," "Oklahoma Governor Sees Reasons, Vetoes Anti-Abortion Bill" and "Terrifying (and True) Facts About Violence Against Abortion Providers."

The Cut, ostensibly New York Magazine's lifestyle vertical, has lately been the home of feminist takes on everything from Rokudenashiko, the Japanese vagina artist, to how not to give women dating advice, to sexism in Hollywood. Refinery29, an online fashion/lifestyle magazine, was seemingly founded to serve hip young women willing to click on a #sexism link.

Then there's Cosmopolitan, which announced

political coverage to great fanfare in 2014, a move that MSNBC attributed to "a high demand for conversations on women's political issues." Recently, Cosmo published a slam piece on Donald Trump's "soft" misogyny" and a look at how Baylor University "Failed to Help Women Who Were Sexually Assaulted" with the subhead "This is a really big deal."

In Canada, Chatelaine has been shifting gears under editor-in-chief Lianne George, publishing feminist takes on Jian Ghomeshi (while shying away from the word "feminism"), a series of personal essays on women's relationships to their breasts, and regular dispatches on women's issues from columnist Rachel Giese. Even Flare magazine profiled the "Boss Babe" of Toronto's women-only taxi service DriveHer, amid stories of runway-inspired prom hair.

That doesn't mean women's mags aren't flogging the usual wares ("Get tight abs" "Wake up hotter"). Nor that the whole package isn't still racialized (Caution: white women everywhere!) and classist.

But I do take heart in these small improvements. If Glamour cares this much about abortion (a fact that surprised me), that's clearly because it's listening to its readers. Branding yourself in line with the modern woman's identity requires adding a feminist spin.

I will take a side of "The gender pay gap sucks," then, with that slideshow of the season's best block heels, thank you very much.

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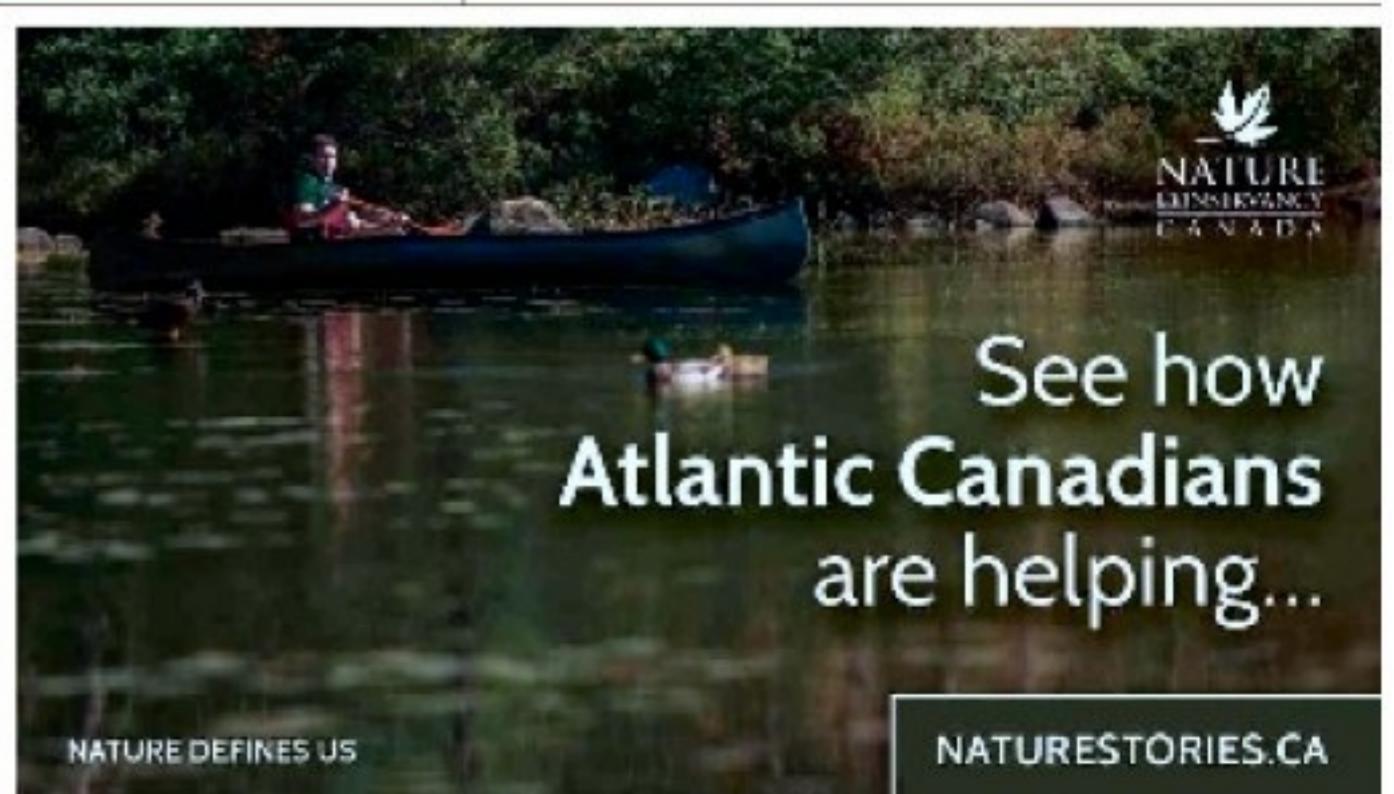
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Burgundy's famous Domaine Ponsot vintages were at the centre of Rudy Kurniawan's (seen inset) wine fraud scandal. COURTESY SOUR GRAPES

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

When one thinks of heist movies, they generally don't think of Beaujolais.

Then again, with most of us unable to truly tell the difference between an expensive sip of Burgundy from the Puligny-Montrachet region of France and a swig of cheap vino from New Jersey, it's a wonder there isn't more wine fraud.

In the new film Sour Grapes, filmmakers Jerry Rothwell and Reuben Atlas uncovered the story of Rudy Kurniawan — a phony wine savant who was able to surround himself with society's elite and earn millions auctioning counterfeit vintages.

"Wine has its own language, and it's a strange language because it's about putting taste into words," explained Rothwell.

"There's good and bad wine and there's got to be some way to define that and it's into that gap where Rudy jumps — this thing that's hard to pin down, subjective and very much about the context."

Context is everything when discussing the high-end world of wine collecting. As the film shows, Kurniawan was able to mimic the rarest vintages by cracking into high society circles.

Billionaire Bill Koch even purchased about \$4 million worth of Kurniawan's stock — which the infamous financier eventually found to be bogus.

"It's just been commodified into this thing for which incredible amounts of money change hands," said Rothwell of the runaway wine market at the turn of the millennium.

"You may disagree with the money they spend (but) the more I learned about the wine world, the more I felt sympathetic to everybody."

into this weird world of wine aficionados," said Rothwell of the movie's caper-like structure.

"As we started to realize Rudy was going to be the mysterious centre of the film rather than the narrative voice, it would become a film that was about being conned and about vulnerability."

Surely, there is some cathartic pleasure in watching millionaires fall prey to a seemingly harmless hustler. But even as both filmmakers stated their aim was to "hold a finger up to sommeliers telling you why you ordered wrong," they also discovered the world of wine collection is more than just snobbery.

"Wine is a legitimate art form and collectors even have legitimacy," said Atlas. "You may disagree with the money they spend (but) the more I learned about the wine world, the more I felt sympathetic to everybody."

The Essentials of Wine Investment

Wine is no longer just for drinking. With the world's most expensive vintages worth thousands of dollars, collectors are increasingly investing in rare bottles. Here are three essential tips for wine collectors:

- **Educate Yourself:** Only a small percentage of world's wine makes up the most marketable investments. While the wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy command the highest price, get to learn the value of all vintages.
- **Price Factors:** Do the work to learn what affects the value of vino — like age and maturation, supply and demand and the price of vintages themselves.
- **Storage:** Although ideal wine storage hovers around 13 de-

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gress Celsius, it's also important to understand such conditions as air quality, humidity, corkage and how to rack your bottles.

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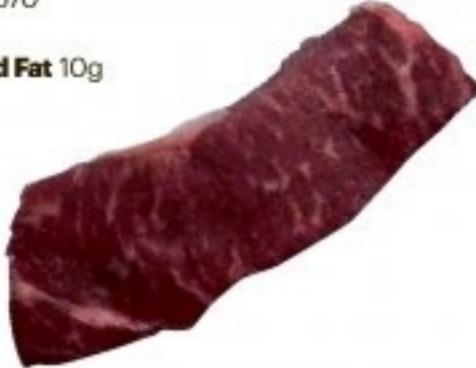
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1 LIQUID ASSETS**Prosecco wins for summer sipping**

While in Venice last month I made a pilgrimage to Harry's Bar, one of liquordom's most famous watering holes. Opened in 1931, it holds a special place in the hearts of cocktail fans thanks to the Bellini, a blend of sparkling prosecco wine and peach purée invented by then owner Giuseppe Cipriani. Now a haunt for tourists looking for a taste of old Venezia, back in the day Harry's was a celebrity hangout where the likes of Ernest Hemingway, Alfred Hitchcock and Orson Wells bellied up to the bar. Named after a 15th century Venetian artist, the pink and fruity Bellini is a light, low alcohol refresher perfect for relaxing summer afternoons. Just fill a glass with two parts Italian bubbly, like the crisp Blu Giovello Prosecco (\$13.85-\$17.99), and one part peach juice. While many bartenders choose a champagne flute, Harry's serves theirs in a simple highball-style tumbler.

PETER ROCKWELL/METRO

MUSIC**CBC wants to air The Hip's final show**

Fans frustrated by sky-high ticket prices will be happy to know that the CBC wants to broadcast The Tragically Hip's final show — but the deal isn't done yet.

"We are interested in airing the Tragically Hip's final show and are having conversations with the band to see if we can make it happen," said CBC communications advisor Emma Bédard.

Meanwhile, Ontario's attorney general says she's prepared to try and find out why so many Tragically Hip fans couldn't buy tickets for their summer concerts — unless they wanted to pay many times face value on resale sites.

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur says she sympathizes with fans who would have to pay such tremendous prices to see the band. She says the ministry needs to look at what is happening now with the resale prices and insists she wants to fix the situation. Fans who were frustrated by their inability to get tickets for The Tragically Hip's farewell tour had mounted a campaign to have the band's



final show broadcast on the CBC.

This followed outrage over tickets showing up on reseller websites for hundreds of dollars more than their face value after selling out almost instantly when first offered for sale Monday.

"The Hip have had a defining influence on our country, and, for so many of us, are core to our identity as Canadians," wrote Grant Bishop in an open letter to the CBC on his Facebook page.

"What would be awesome is if you could live video broadcast this concert. In particular, it would be great if you would provide a video feed for fans to gather to watch the Hip's final show in public venues across this country — and wherever Canadians are in the world."

Pre-sale tickets were sold out within minutes on Ticketmaster, with online resellers like StubHub offering them up for almost 10 times their market value. While the original ticket price ranged from \$56-\$166 at the Air Canada Centre, on StubHub they ranged from \$142-\$1,310 each.

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Think summer before it's here

CAMP

Better watch out parents: summer break is just about upon us

Jennifer Taplin

If summer has snuck up on you a little too fast, don't worry, there's still time to register your kids in camps. From arts, to sports and performance, there's something out there to interest every kid.

Here's a selection of some summer camps in HRM.

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From arts, to sports and performance, there's something out there to interest every kid. iSTOCK

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Creative Kids Education Centre

There are still spots open in a number of camps including Spy Camp, Coding and Minecraft, and Dance Around the World.

Location: 109 White Hills Run, Hammonds Plains

Community YMCA Summer Camps

These camps are for kids aged five to 12 and a filled with activities, sports, games, art and outings.

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Breaks from school are the best times for kids to try something new and amp up their activity level.

"Your child can try horseback riding for the first time or try sailing," said Katherine Janson, spokeswoman for ParticipACTION. "It's a great opportunity to give kids exposure to different things in small bites and find out what they like."

The mantra at ParticipACTION is kids need at least an hour of heart-pumping activity each day. And just because kids have busy schedules over the break doesn't mean they're active, Janson noted.

To be physically active for life kids need to try a variety of activities, she added. Rather than focusing on one sport,

GET OUT AND GET ACTIVE

Being active for at least 60 minutes daily and limiting time spent being sedentary to less than two hours per day can help children:

- Improve their health
- Do better in school
- Improve self-esteem and confidence
- Maintain a healthy body weight
- Improve their fitness
- Grow stronger
- Have fun playing with friends
- Feel happier
- Learn new skills

From the 2015 The ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth:

- 70 per cent of children aged three-four get the recommended 180 minutes of daily activity at any intensity.
- For kids five and up, the guideline is 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity per day but only 14 per cent of kids aged five to 11 meet the guideline.
- Only 5 per cent of kids aged 12-17 meet the guideline.

it's healthier for them to try a number of activities in different settings.

"If you think about it as giving them the opportunity to get out there and explore what they love then you're really going to be setting up for a more active life overall."

And it doesn't mean signing up for sports camp: many camps geared towards science or art for example also include

a physical component.

"What we'd love for parents to do is consider the whole child when they're choosing a camp. So even if it's focused on math or robotics, make sure they have time to play outside freely with their new friends before, during and after."

It's also a good idea, if possible, to walk to the camp to get in some extra exercise, she said.



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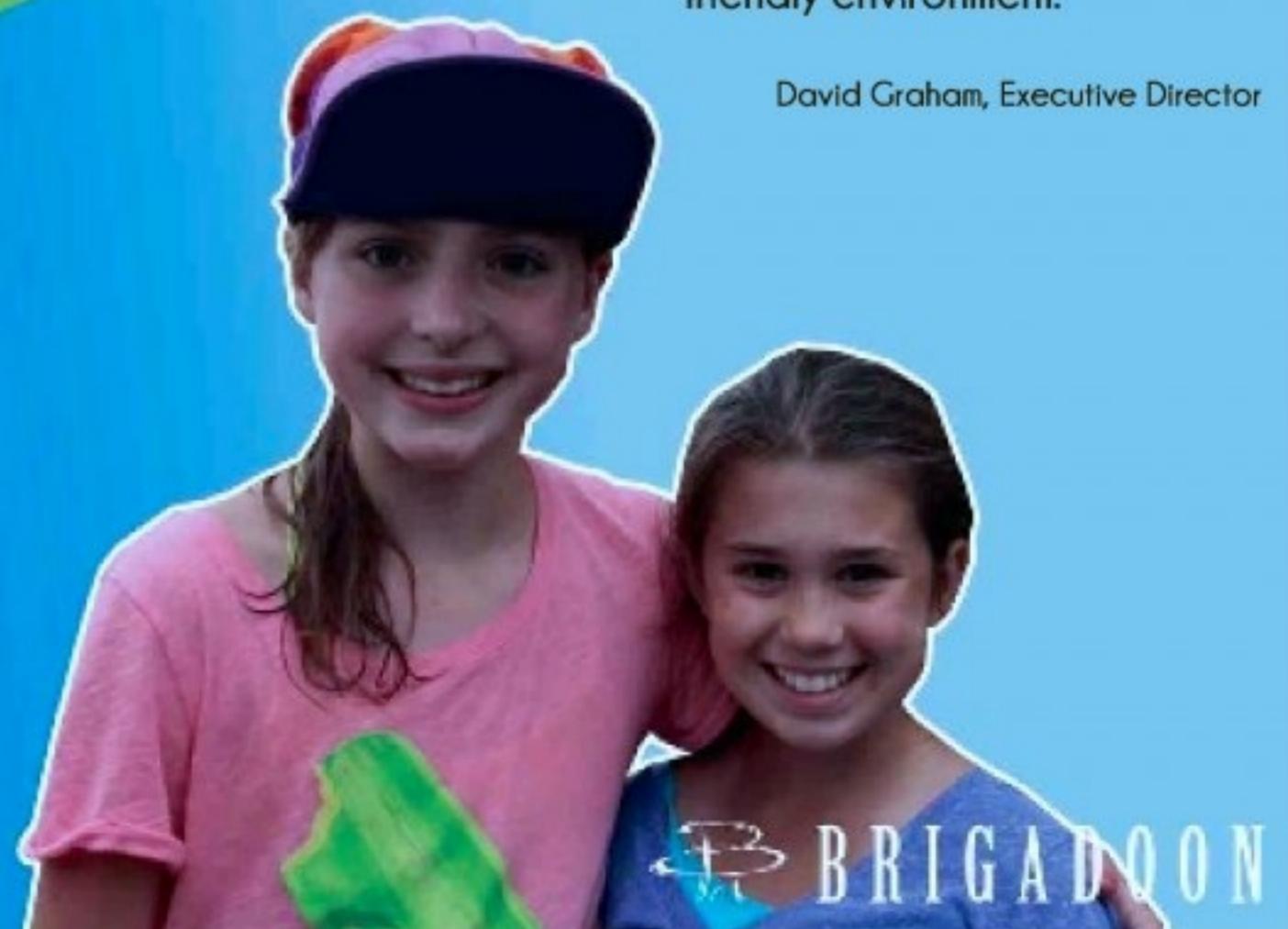
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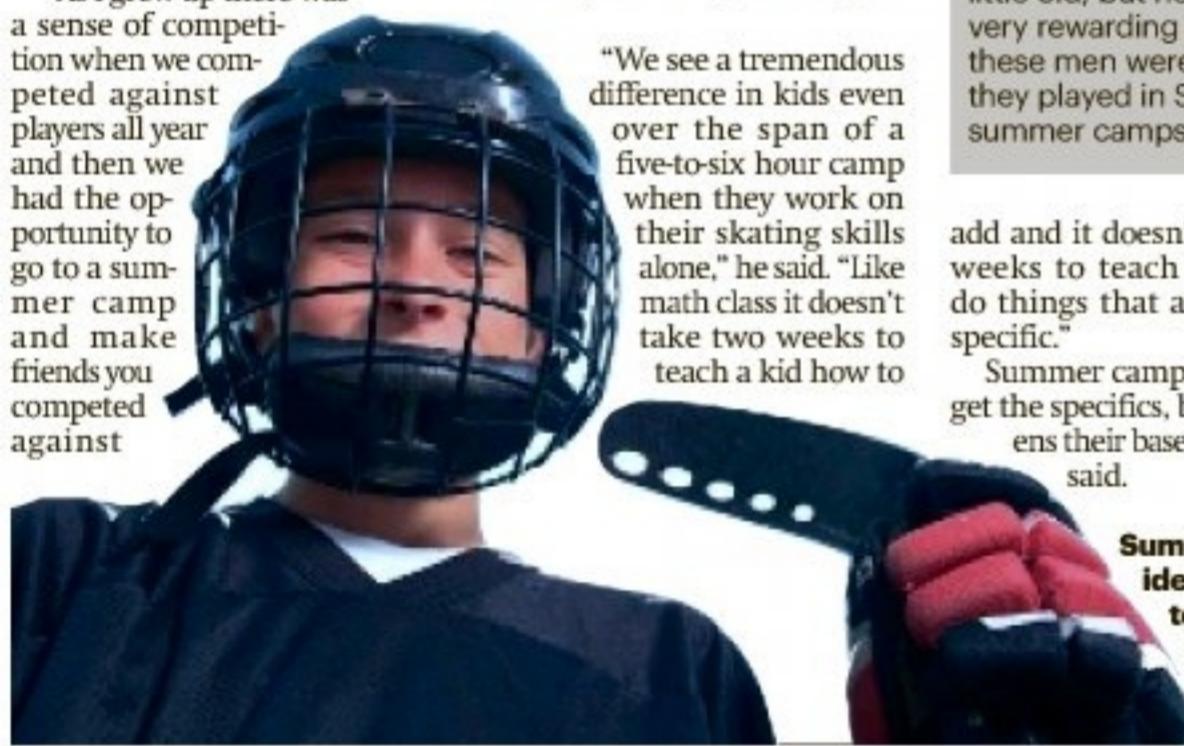
Jen Taplin

For many young athletes, sports summer camps are a not-so-secret weapon.

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As a kid Tyler Naugler was in a summer camp of some kind pretty much every summer. And for the past 19 years, he's been running the summer hockey camps at Saint Mary's University.

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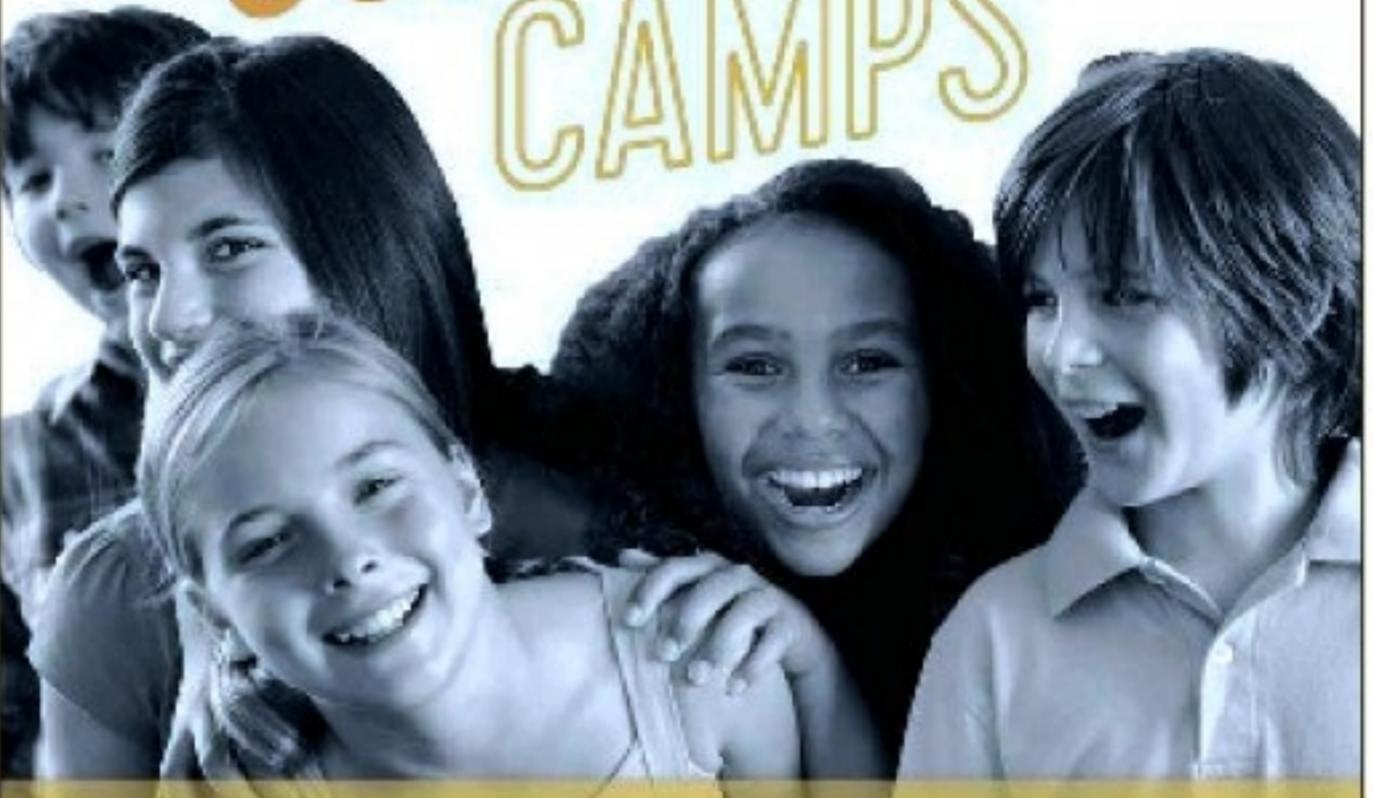
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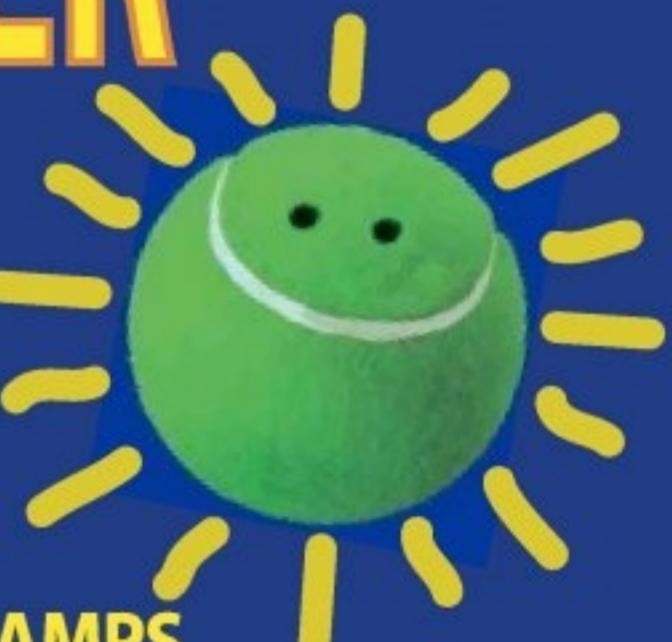
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REVIEW

Golf R a truly great ride, manual or no

This is the first year the Golf R is available with an automatic transmission.

Driving a Volkswagen Golf R has always put you in a special club of "Save the Manuals" fanatics, so more than a couple enthusiasts melodramatically proclaimed that "this is the end" when VW announced that a six-speed DSG would become available in the hot hatch for the first time ever.

Fans liked the fact that this hot hatch used to be manual-only, because it felt like an exclusive club, but how does the R do with this new DSG? Is the hot hatch just as hot without three pedals?

The quick answer is that this six-speed DSG is probably the best dual clutch automatic transmission on the market right now, so any fears about an automatic neutering of the R and making it boring are completely unfounded.

The shifts are like rapid fire, and the DSG never gets confused and always seems to know what gear to be in. There's no weird shuddering at low speeds, and it's not shy about dropping down a gear to keep the engine in its sweet spot when you need more power. The automatic is just so good, it doesn't really take away from how fun the R feels and it will even get to 96 km/h about 0.7 seconds faster than the manual can,

even though the manual is 36 kilograms lighter.

Helping it hit those speeds is a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder with 292 horsepower. That may not seem like much in a world of 700-hp Hellcats, but in practice, you'll never find yourself wanting more. Getting up to highway speeds or juking around traffic in town, the R feels so much faster than its numbers suggest. It's a nimble car with fantastic steering.

When you first get into the R, it can feel a lot like a GTI, maybe a bit stiffer and slightly quicker. But switching into Race mode changes the car's personality entirely.

One complaint about the R in its regular driving mode was that it was too quiet. Well, race mode has your back.

All of a sudden, the R puts its mean face on, it's faster, it's more responsive, and has a growly sound to match. It's loud enough to make you smile, but isn't so loud that you feel like a teenaged idiot with a fart can.

The R starts at just over \$39,995, which is a bargain for a car with this type of poise and performance, but loaded up, those numbers can quickly creep up, making it one of the more pricey VWs.

All in all, the GTI has always been a great car, and the R makes it even better.

It's well-rounded, refined, fun, practical, and it's just as happy ripping through twisty roads as it is just going to the grocery store. And this is still true, even with an automatic transmission.

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THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0L turbo four-cylinder

Power: 292 hp

Transmission: Six-speed DSG (or Six-speed manual)

Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 10.4 city, 7.9 highway (DSG)

Price: Starts at \$39,995, \$43,410 as tested



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- GTI is already so good
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Monday, June 27, 2016

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To register your attendance, please email mcrosby@halifaxpartnership.com by June 22, 2016.

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The Carolina Hurricanes have hired former NHL defenceman Ulf Samuelsson to coach their AHL affiliate in Charlotte



Sidney Crosby had an assist in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final on Monday night in Pittsburgh.

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FRENCH OPEN

Nos. 2, 6 in women's draw lose in the rain

Yes, they actually managed to complete a match on this wettest of weeks at the French Open. Two, even. And both involved surprises: two of the top half-dozen seeded women lost within minutes of each other, No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 6 Simona Halep.

After their fourth-round exits Tuesday, both Radwanska and Halep complained firmly about tournament organizers' decision to make them play through drizzles — or worse —

that made courts slippery and clay-caked tennis balls heavy.

"I mean, it's not a (low-tier) tournament. It's a Grand Slam. How can you allow players to play in the rain?" said Radwanska.

Radwanska dropped 10 consecutive games while being beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 by 102nd-ranked Tsvetana Pironkova. Halep lost 7-6 (0), 6-3 to No. 21 Sam Stosur in a contest between two past finalists at Roland Garros. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Glenn Howard's team gets younger in shuffle

Veteran skip Glenn Howard is adding some youth to his team for the upcoming curling season.

David Mathers, 25, will join the rink at the second position and Richard Hart will move into the vice-skip role.

Longtime teammate Wayne Middaugh will not return as he was unable to commit to a full campaign after suffering a serious leg injury last winter.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hitchcock to coach Blues for one more season

Ken Hitchcock has another one-year deal to coach the St. Louis Blues. The 64-year-old Hitchcock says this one will be his last.

Hitchcock said he plans to retire from coaching after the 2016-17 season because he's not willing to put in the off-season preparation necessary.

Hitchcock will be entering his sixth season with the Blues and 20th season as a head coach.

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NBA

Full-court press on Durant's future

Kevin Durant sat at the press conference table with Russell Westbrook by his side, the two friends and teammates trying to get their minds around letting a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference final slip away.

It didn't take long for Durant to face a question about his future in Oklahoma City.

"We just lost like 30 minutes ago, so I haven't even thought about it," Durant said after a Game 7 loss to the Warriors ended the Thunder's season.



Kevin Durant
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"I'll think about that stuff, I don't know when. But we just lost an hour ago, 30 minutes ago, so I don't know."

The all-world scorer will become a free agent on July 1 and will be the most coveted player on the market.

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'That's why he's as good as he is'

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Crosby attends optional practice after Game 1 victory

The probable scratches at a sparsely attended Pittsburgh Penguins practice were joined by arguably the best hockey player in the world.

Hours after a dominant performance in the Penguins' 3-2 win over San Jose to open the Stanley Cup final, Sidney Crosby toiled alongside those that likely would not play in Game 2.

Crosby took to the ice at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex about 15 minutes before the scheduled 12:15 p.m. workout. He lingered after the session, working on his shot in the slot and sharpening his skills in the faceoff circle.

It was an example of the leadership the Penguins speak about glowingly.

"I don't think he's as good as he is by accident," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. "As long as I've been associated with this league I don't know that I've been around a player that has the same work ethic as Sid does as far as that insatiable appetite to try to just get better and be the best. And I think that's why he's as good as he is.

"It also sets a standard for

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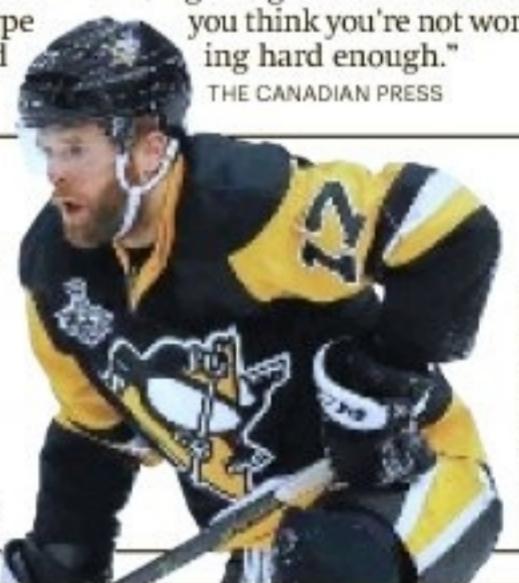
Crosby is tied for eighth in playoff points with 16 — six goals and 10 assists.

our team when your captain and your top player brings a work ethic to the rink every day like he does," Sullivan added. "He certainly makes my job as the head coach a lot easier as far as demanding the type of standard that we need to be successful."

shift afterward before exiting the game for good and was deemed to be day-to-day with an upper-body injury.

Sullivan had no further update on his status on Tuesday.

Marleau was not suspended for the play.



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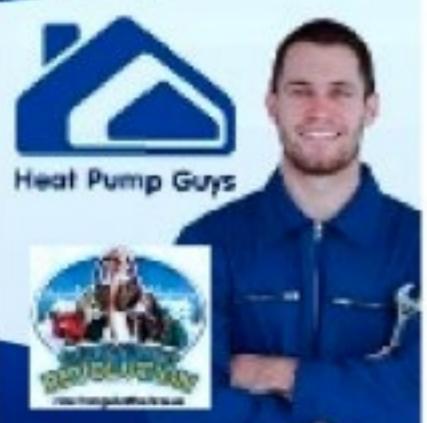
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RECIPE Israeli Couscous Pilaf



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

It's worth the effort to look for this larger-grained variety of couscous; it gives this vegetarian pilaf heft and a great texture.

Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp of olive oil
- 1 cup, whole grain Israeli couscous
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped cucumber
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 small handful chopped mint
- 1 small handful chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/8 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon

- 1 tsp honey
- salt and pepper

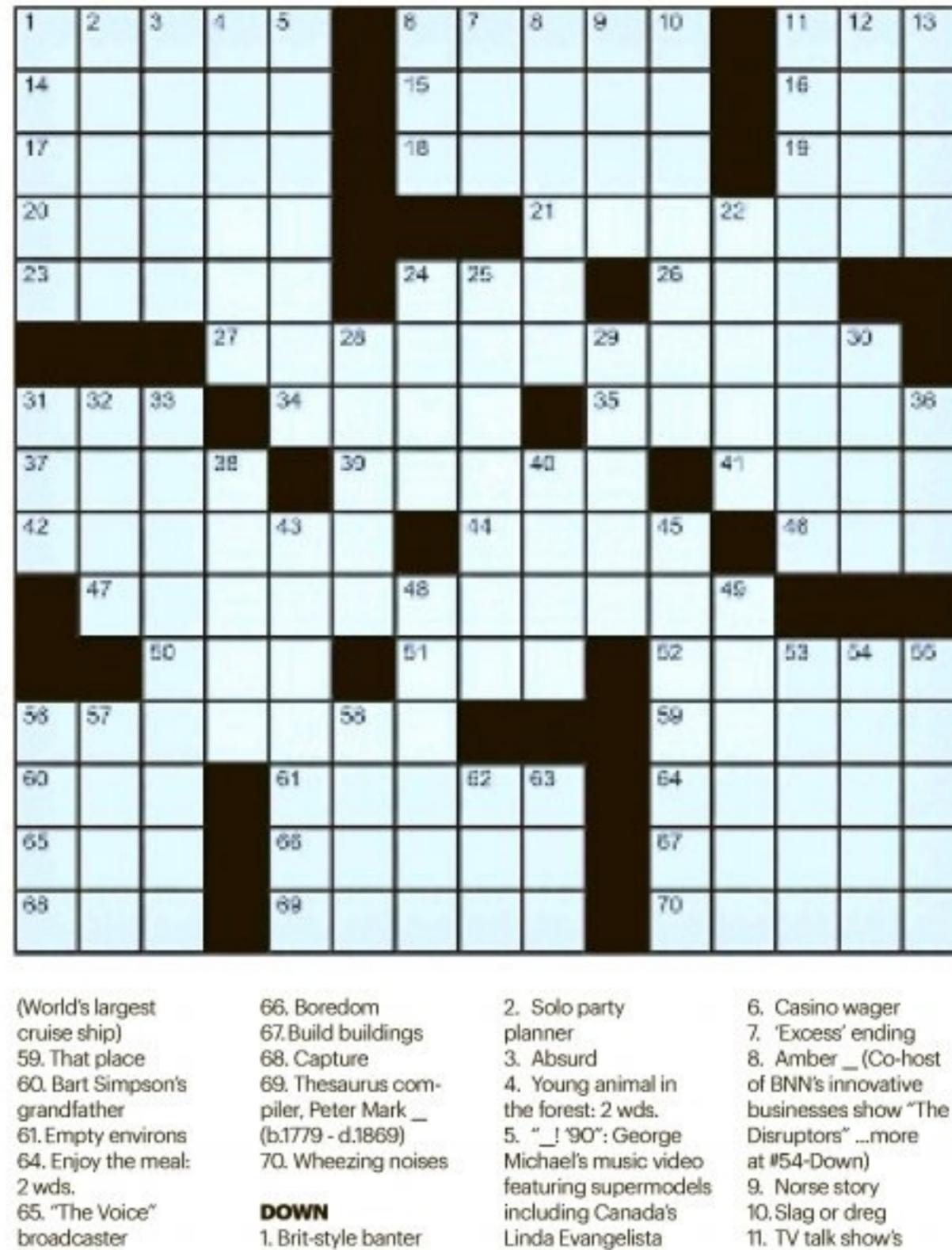
Directions

1. In a pot, bring olive oil to a medium heat. Add the onions and let soften and start to brown. Add the couscous and stir to cover in oil. Stir often and let the couscous absorb the oil for about three to five minutes.
2. Stir in stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and allow to simmer for about 15 minutes, until the couscous is al dente.
3. Toss together the chopped vegetables, feta, mint and parsley. Add the cooked couscous and stir together.
4. In a small bowl, whisk the olive oil, vinegar, Dijon, honey and salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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45. Not as blatant
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58. ___! (Hair removal tool advertised on TV)
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63. Be a portrait model

*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't worry about spending a lot of time daydreaming today; it is what it is. Be clear in all your communications, because it's easy to be confused today.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day for major expenditures or important financial decisions. It's also a poor day to shop for anything other than food or gas. Protect your wealth.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It's normal to feel your energy is low today. Sleep in or take a nap if you can. Don't push yourself, because this is the kind of day to take it easy. Don't expect too much from others, either.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Secrets might come out today. If so, do not be quick to believe them. As Churchill once said, "There are a lot of lies going around, and some of them are true."

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you're involved with a group of people today, don't be pushy. People will change their mind a lot, because nobody is quite sure what they want. It happens.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a poor day to ask bosses and authority figures for permission or approval. Nothing will turn out the way you think. Wait until tomorrow.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You long to escape somewhere today. You want to get away from all this. If dreams were horses, then beggars would ride.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Despite your interest in shared property, taxes and inheritances at the moment, this is a poor day to make decisions regarding these matters. Furthermore, don't believe everything you hear.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have to compromise with others today. However, if people seem confused, do nothing. Tomorrow is a better day to act. Just coast today.

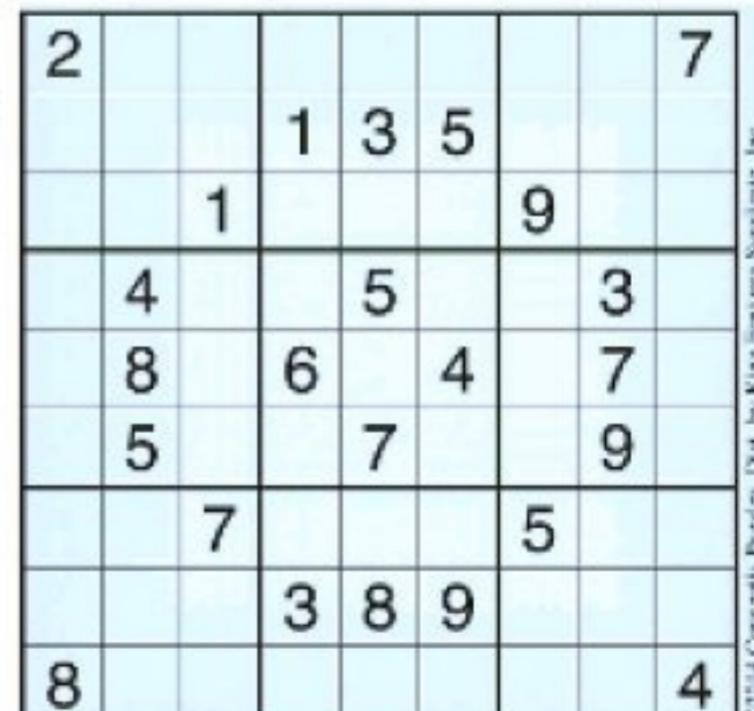
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't be hard on yourself if you don't accomplish too much at work today. Some days are productive; some days are not. This is one of them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is the perfect day to kick back and relax. Enjoy sports events, the arts and playful times with kids. Sneak away on a fun outing, if you can.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Postpone important family discussions until tomorrow. Family members, especially parents and authority figures are indecisive and possibly confusing.

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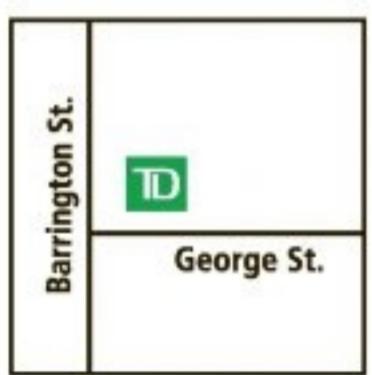
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